

What is claimed is:

1. A water-based ink composition for a writing instrument comprising at least a colorant and water, wherein a nonionic high molecular surfactant having an alkylene oxide chain as a hydrophilic group and having an average molecular weight of 3000 to 200,000 is added to the ink composition in a range of 0.1 to 30 % by weight.

2. The water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in claim 1, wherein the nonionic high molecular surfactant has an HLB of 8 or more or a cloud point of 50°C or higher.

3. The water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the nonionic high molecular surfactant is N-polyoxyalkylenepolyalkylenepolyamine.

4. The water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the nonionic high molecular surfactant is a polyoxyethylenepolyoxypropylene block polymer.

5. A ballpoint pen using the water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in any

6. A marking pen using the water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in any of claims 1 to 4.

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7. A fountain pen using the water-based ink composition for a writing instrument as described in any of claims 1 to 4.